

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the Abstract on page 45 as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention provides ~~a~~<sup>A</sup> system and method for ~~plasma coating~~<sup>treating the</sup> ~~surface~~ of an optical lens, ~~particularly lenses made of silicone-containing polymer is~~ ~~provided~~. ~~A system of the invention comprises an entry chamber, a coating chamber~~ ~~downstream from the entry chamber, and an exit chamber downstream from the coating~~ ~~chamber. The coating chamber includes a pair of spaced apart electrodes disposed therein.~~ ~~A system of the invention is configured in a way so that a lens may enter, pass through and~~ ~~exit the system without requiring the coating chamber to be repeatedly pressurized and~~ ~~depressurized. predetermined pressure and a plasma gas are maintained in a coating~~ ~~chamber. A plasma cloud of gas is established between electrodes in the chamber. An~~ ~~entry chamber is upstream from the coating chamber, and an exit chamber is disposed~~ ~~downstream from the chamber. A lens is moved into the entry chamber, and at least a~~ ~~portion of the entry chamber adjacent to the coating chamber is brought to the~~ ~~predetermined pressure. Process gas is introduced into this area. The entry chamber is~~ ~~then brought into communication with the coating chamber, and the lens is moved into the~~ ~~coating chamber and through the cloud. Process gas is introduced into at least a portion of~~ ~~the exit chamber adjacent the coating chamber, and this portion is brought to the~~ ~~predetermined pressure. The lens is then moved from the coating chamber to the exit~~ ~~chamber.~~